January 3, 1926.

Mr. C. T. Seltman,
39 Barton Road,
Cambridge, England.

Dear Mr. Seltman:-

I am very much obliged to you for sending me the coins on approval. I have decided to keep Nos. 3, 4, 5, and 10 for which I enclose you a draft. I am returning the rest by registered mail. Most of those returned are already in my collection. The Syracuse tetradrachm appeals to me very much, but I have decided nevertheless not to take it.

I should be very much obliged if you would have a copy of your "Athens, Its History and Coinage Before the Persian Invasion" sent to me, and I have added two guineas to my draft to pay for it. I have been intending to get a copy of it for some time.

With best wishes for a very Happy New Year, I am

Sincerely yours,

JWG/S

39, BARTON ROAD,
CAMBRIDGE.
TELEPHONE No 1552.

Mr. John W. Garrett, 21 : 10 : 26

Dear Sir,

Many thanks for your card of yesterday which has just reached me, and from which I am most interested to learn of your imminent visit to London. Would you have time to run out to Cambridge for a day? It would give my wife and myself very great pleasure if you could lunch with us and (perhaps) to show you some of the sights of Cambridge as well as my Greek and Roman coins. I have a good many of classes in which you are specially interested.

As for dates, my time is taken up with lecturing on several days, but I should be free and most happy to see you any of the following:— Tuesday 26th
Thursday 28th
Monday November 1st
Tuesday " 2nd

Would you let me know if any of those dates would suit you?

Looking forward with pleasure to meeting you, believe me

Yours very truly

C. T. Selkman

TELEPHONE No 1552.

39, BARTON ROAD,
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1 Paeonia Audoleon Tetradrachm; facing head of Athena in triple-crested Helmet Rv: ΑΥΔΩΛΕΩΝ Τ·Σ, X, Horse r. Very fine. £4. 10/-

2 Dacia Tetradrachm of very careful style copied from types of Philip II Zeus head r. ΦΙΛΙΠΠΟΥ Horseman r., thunderbolts below. £3

3 Cydonia Stater; the head probably by the Engraver Neuantos. Head of Ariadne r. Crowned with vine; large earring. Rv: ΚΥΔΩΝ, Kydon l. stringing his bow, in front a bitch. Svoronos p. 100, 5. £52

Same head die as Lucerne Sale IV Pl. XXIV, 620 (£240)

4 Demetrius I of Syria Tetradrachm. Fine portrait r. Rv: ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΔΗΜΗΤΡΙΟΥ ΣΩΤΗΡΟΣ ΔΑ ΑΝ, below ΞΡ (= year 160 of Seleucid Era.) Tyche enthroned l. On throne a winged, snake legged female monster. BMC. p 46, 15. £4

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5 Carthage Justinian I AR. ca. 534 A.D.

BMC i p 63, 350 var. Types suggested by the coins of Gelimir last king of the Vandals.

from the Sir William Ridgeway Coll. 8/-

6 Lombards at Beneventum AV Tremissis

Arichis II as Princeps 774 - 787 A.D.

BMC p 169, 11 ; Pl. XXII, 17. £4

39, BARTON ROAD,
CAMBRIDGE.
TELEPHONE No 1552.

Mr. John W. Garrett,

27: 10: 26

Dear Sir,

In case my letter of last week written in reply to yours and addressed to the Hotel Scribe, Paris, did not reach you, I am writing again to say how very much I hope you may be able to come out to Cambridge, and that it would give my wife and myself much pleasure if you would lunch with us. I would also gladly show you ~~some of~~ the Greek and Roman coins I have for disposal as there are among them pieces of the classes which you specially collect. Moreover, if you are not already familiar with this Town, it would give me great pleasure to show you something of Cambridge.

On some days in the week I am unfortunately much occupied with lecturing, but I should be free and delighted to see you

either tomorrow (Thursday), or on Mon. or Tuesday (Nov. 1st or 2nd) of next week — also, it has just occured to me, on Saturday 30th of this week.

There is an excellent train leaving Liverpool Street Station in London at 10.5 a.m. and getting here at 11.38 a.m. and I could meet you at the Station here and drive you up. Should you think of coming tomorrow, perhaps you would wire — or if it were one of the other days perhaps you would drop me a post-card.

Believe me
Yours very truly
Charles T. Telman

39, BARTON ROAD,
CAMBRIDGE.
TELEPHONE No 1552.

1 : 11 : 26

Dear Sir,

My wife and I are indeed sorry that you are unable to come to see us in Cambridge this week, but we must look on it as a deferred visit only.

I originally had an appointment with one of the British Museum people for Tuesday (tomorrow) and as you are unable to come I shall be going up to Town tomorrow after my morning's lecture to keep it, arriving there at 2.30. If you were free any time for half-an-hour somewhere between 3.30 and 6.30 p.m. I could come and see you.

I have just purchased the collection of Greek and Roman coins of my old friend and former Professor the late Sir William Ridgeway which contains a number of very attractive archaic Greek coins as well as some Roman

Evolution in Modern Art F Rutter
Modern French Painters, Jan Gordon

Oscar Kokoschka

Munch

Simon

ges in which I believe you are interested. Then I could bring to show you. I may say that you would be the very first collector to have the offer of any Ridgeway coins as I have only just secured the Collection.

With such short notice and as I have to be in Town anyway I will call at your Hotel at about 3.30 p.m. and if that time is inconvenient for you to see me perhaps you would kindly leave a message with the Porter.

Yours very truly

C. T. Selfman

£ 134.0.0

39, BARTON ROAD,
CAMBRIDGE.
TELEPHONE No 1552.

Dear Mr. Garrett, 29 : 11 : 26

I have been meaning to write to you for some time and thank you very much for the letter you wrote just before leaving London and for the Cheque for £134 which you were so kind as to include in it in settlement of the 3 Coins you retained. I have delayed because I wanted to find time to look out some of the Ridgeway "Barbarians" and to send them to you as I promised.

And now here they are: a good Gold Stater and Ridgeway's series of Six pieces illustrating degradation from the Greek type of Philip II's Silver. You are sure to have the first of these (no 2 on enclosed list) but I put it in because he had got his series made up including that piece.

I am also including 5 attractive Greek Coins which might be of interest to you.

I think the Syracusan tetradrachm is a very valuable coin in view of its record of having attained £177 as long ago as 1911, but I got it as a bargain and am able to offer it at a proportionately low figure.

It was a great pleasure to meet you in Town, and we hope very much that next time you are over that you and Mrs Garrett will give us the pleasure of entertaining you here, and let us show you something of Cambridge.

Believe me

Yours sincerely

C. T. Seltman

£ 17

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In favor of C J Seltman

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No. 16309

F. D 141—12-26—10M

January 11, 1927.

Mr. C. T. Seltman,
39 Barton Road,
Cambridge, England.

Dear Mr. Seltman:-

Since writing you the other day a copy that I forgot I had ordered of your book on Athens has arrived and I should like, therefore, to countermand the order which I sent you.

Very truly yours,

JWG/S

The purchaser is advised to forward this draft by registered mail, requesting return receipt, to guard against its falling into wrong hands, as European banks may pay without requiring indentification.

ALEX. BROWN & SONS, BALTIMORE,

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February 14, 1927.

Mr. Charles T. Seltman,
39, Barton Road,
Cambridge, England.

Dear Mr. Seltman:-

I find in your last consignment of coins only three pieces that I want to add to my collection

No. 8 Vandals A
9 Sceattar, Hawkins 557
12 Northumbria, Osbercht

These come to a total of £2.15 and I enclose a draft to your order for this amount less the £2 which you have credited me with on account of your "Athens, Its History and Coinage." In accordance with your request I am sending the copy of your book which reached me a day or two ago to the Library of Goucher College with your compliments and with the request that they return it to me if the volume is already in their library If they send it back I shall let you know and ask what further disposition you care to make of it.

With best Wishes,

Sincerely yours,

39, BARTON ROAD,
CAMBRIDGE.
TELEPHONE No 1552.

24: 1: 24.

Dear Mr. Garrett,

Very many thanks for your letter of the 3rd with draft for £27.19- and the coins returned. As soon as I got your letter (a week ago) I arranged to have a copy of "Athens, its History and Coinage" sent to you, and it is already on its way. Today I have got your letter of the 11th in which you say you have already received a copy.

As it is too late for me to countermand the other may I suggest your handing it over as a present from me to a library in Baltimore? The Johns Hopkins University already has a copy. Probably, though, the library of Goucher College has not a copy, and, as that College seems to have a numismatic collection in its Museum, the book

might be of some use.

Of course I am crediting you with the 2 guineas for the volume.

With many thanks for your New Year's wishes

Yours sincerely

Charles T. Sellman

39, BARTON ROAD,
CAMBRIDGE.

TELEPHONE No 1552.

31 : 1 : 27

Dear Mr Garrett,

I have now had time to search in the Ridgeway collection (which I have not yet completely arranged) for Vandalic coins and sceattas. I fear they do not amount to much, but, in accordance with my promise I send them along.

At the same time I have included 4 Greeks and two brilliantly patinated Roman bronzes.

Would you be so kind as to let me have these back not later than 5 weeks hence? (I mean such of them as you do not want to keep); for I am expecting to go abroad then.

Believe me, Yours sincerely

Charles T. Seltman

39, BARTON ROAD,
CAMBRIDGE.
TELEPHONE No 1552.

6 : 3 : 27

Mr John W. Garrett
Baltimore Md.

Dear Mr. Garrett,

Please accept my best thanks for your kind letter of Feb. 14th with the draft for 15/- and the coins returned.

I had a letter from the Librarian of Goucher College thanking me for the "Athens" book which you were so good as to pass on to them.

Believe me
Yours sincerely
Charles T. Seltman

TELEPHONE No 1552.

39, BARTON ROAD,
CAMBRIDGE.

1 Croton. Didrachm. Head of Apollo r. of very beautiful style Rꝑ: KPO
to r. of Tripod; laurel-branch to l. £7

2 Damastium Stater. Head of Apollo l. laureate Rꝑ:
ΔΑΜΑ ΣΤΙΝΣΙΝ Tripod; all in incuse square. Rare. £8

3 Celenderis Stater. (BMC, 34.) Horseman r. leaping from horse.
Rꝑ: KEAEN Goat kneeling r. looking back. £8

4 Cyrene Didrachm. Beautiful head of youthful ram-
horned god to l. Rꝑ: KYPA, 1to Silphium plant.
Rare. £5

5 Livia; Dupondius Æ. Cohen 4. IVSTITIA Beautiful bust
of the Empress r. diademed Rꝑ: TI·CAESAR DIVI AVG
F AVG PM TR POT XXIIII. S·C. (Struck by Tiberius).
PATINA PERFECT £10

6 Nerva; Dupondius Æ. Cohen 26. His bust r. in radiate crown.
Rꝑ: CONCORDIA EXERCITVVM S·C. Two clasped hands
holding a Standard resting on a Ship's prow.
PATINA PERFECT £10

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39, BARTON ROAD,
CAMBRIDGE.

7 VANDALS Æ. GAISERIC (BMC Pl. I, 9.) KART Standing warrior ℞: horse's bust r. XXI Rare. 8/-

8 VANDALS Small Æ (var BMC Pl. III, 31) radiate head r. ℞: standing figure. 5/-

9 SCEATTA with RUNIC legend (Hawkins 557) Epa king of Mercia 642 AD. Rare £2

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11 NORTHUMBRIA, Æ Styca of Aethelred II 840-848 AD. 5/-

12 NORTHUMBRIA " " " Osbercht, 848-867 " Very rare. 10/-

* * * All the above coins except nos. 2, 4, 5, 6 from the collection of the late Professor Sir William Ridgeway.

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Villa Maria, San Giorgio a Cremano near Naples — 6. VII. 27.

Dear Sir,

My son, Prof. Chas T. Seltman, lecturer in classical archaeology at the University of Cambridge, England, informs me that you are interested in numismatics and are forming a collection of Greek and Roman coins.
I am living here in the South of Italy where these coins are found, and the low exchange of Italian money (with which I buy) enables me to sell cheap.
I have been a student of classical numismatics for forty years and my judgment may be depended on. Might I ask if you would care to receive from me on approval authentic Greek or Roman coins at moderate prices?
They can safely and easily be sent by registered letter, and such as are not wanted may be returned in the same way.
I enclose my card, and remain, dear Sir,

Yours truly

E. J. Seltman

Please excuse the pencil. I am awkward with ink and pen

39, BARTON ROAD,
CAMBRIDGE.
TELEPHONE No 1552.

9: 7: 27

Dear Mr. Garrett,

I think you might possibly be interested in some of the six Greek coins which I am enclosing for your inspection together with a descriptive list.

I have not been able to pick up any more Vandals or other barbaric coins, but am always keeping a look-out for them.

Yours sincerely
C. T. Selltman

see Spink

39, BARTON ROAD,
CAMBRIDGE.
TELEPHONE No 1552.

3 : 1 : 28

Dear Mr. Garrett,

I have been meaning for some time to write and thank you for the return of the coins from the last lot you sent through Messrs Spink & Son, and also for the payment ~~for the~~ of £42 for the tetradrachm of Leontini which you caused them to send on to me.

May I, though, as a special favour beg that another time you would rather make returns etc. to me direct?

It makes it rather awkward for me that anything should go through Spinks.

I am now sending six coins among which I hope that the Lombard Tremissis of Brichis II as Princeps may appeal to you as well as the fine Dacian tetradrachm of Philip II type.

As for the State of Cydonia, this is a

most remarkable piece, from the actual obverse die of the Weber Sale piece (Lucence Cat IV) which realised £240. I am able to offer it at a very moderate figure, having myself secured a bargain.

Believe me

Yours sincerely

Charles T. Sellman

39, BARTON ROAD,
CAMBRIDGE.
TELEPHONE No 1552.

26 : 1 : 29

Dear Mr. Garrett,

It is a long time since I sent you any ancient Coins to see, and indeed I omitted to send any last autumn because I hoped to be coming over to the States in December last on a lecture tour of the Universities, and had planned at the same time to bring a few coins to show you when I was in Baltimore. However, through ill-health I was forced to postpone my visit to America until next September.

In the meanwhile I am giving you the first offer of 3 remarkable Greek Coins, which I have only just acquired, as I think they may well appeal to you. A descriptive list of them is enclosed, but the Coins go separately under registered cover

in plain unpriced envelopes, but with a card saying "value about $75." The purpose of this is to save you all possible trouble with the Customs, who would demand Consular Invoices if the Contents of the letter were declared over $100.

May I beg of you to send me back any of these coins which do not interest you as soon as you conveniently can?

Yours very truly

C. T. Seltman

May 11, 1928.

Mr. Charles T. Seltman,
39, Barton Road,
Cambridge, England.

Dear Mr. Seltman:-

I have just returned from California and find your letter of March 1st together with the six coins you were good enough to send me. Unfortunately I do not want any of these pieces for my collection, and I am sending them back to you today with many thanks for having given me the opportunity to looking at them.

Sincerely yours,

JWG/S

February 27,1929.

Mr. C. T. Seltman,
39, Barton Road,
Cambridge, England.

Dear Mr. Seltman:-

I am very sorry that illness prevented your coming to this country last December. I should have been so glad to see you. I hope that your ill health is now remedied and that we may have the pleasure of seeing you here this year.

Thank you very much for sending me the three Greek coins. Two of them I am returning to you by registered mail today as I have a very satisfactory Demetrius Poliocertes Tetradrachm and a pretty good Tetradrachm of Athens of Peisistratus. I am keeping the Olympian Stater and enclosing a draft to your order for it.

With best wishes, I am

Yours very truly,

JWG/S

P.S. Some one told me the other day that you have a very fine Facing Head of Kimon. It is a coin that I want very much to buy some day if I can get a really fine one at not too high a figure.

INVOICE
from

C. T. Seltman THIRTY-NINE BARTON ROAD
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LARISSA
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facing head of nymph with
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By: APAI Σ Bridled horse stepping l. r.
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39, BARTON ROAD,
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IMITATION of Philip II Gold Coinage

1. AULERCI CENOMANI (N.W. Gaul between Seine and Loire)
Gold Stater. Head of Apollo r. Rv: Winged, man-headed horse r., driver behind, prostrate Gaul with dagger beneath ☒ in field. Exceptionally good. Rare.
Sir William Ridgeway coll. £5

Philip II Silver Coinage and its IMITATIONS
A series of Six pieces all from the Ridgeway Coll.

2 Philip II Tetradrachm, pure Greek type with beautiful head of Zeus Rv: ΦΙΛΙΠΠΟΥ (note the fine modelling of the jockey); thunderbolt beneath. £3

3 North Macedonian or Paeonian imitation of the last. The leaves of the wreath are more like OAK than laurel. Rv: The jockey is lanky; Prow beneath. EXTRA RARE £4

4 Danube area, Pannonian Gauls; Drachma. Stylized head. Rv: Stylized horse and jockey l., the latter with long pig-tail. XXII. 293 12/-

5 Pannonia, Tetradrachm. Both sides still further stylized. Unusually large flan. £1.5/-

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39, BARTON ROAD,
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6 Western Pannonia, Tetradrachm. The head of Zeus has now been reduced to meaningless lines & dots; the rider and horse much deformed. 10/-

7 Gaul, Drachm derived from the Pannonian type. Nails and lines are all that remain of Zeus. Rv: The horse of lines and pellets has a mere triangle as rider 5/-

EUKLEIDAS and EUAINETOS

8 Syracuse, Tetradrachm by two of the greatest die-engravers. Beautiful quadriga r. Nike flies to crown the driver [ALMOST ALL specimens of this coin are marred by a huge flaw obliterating Nike and driver — but on this early specimen the flaw is only a small crack over Nike's face] On exergual line traces of EVAINETO

SMC 190. Rv: Beautiful head l. On her ampyx over forehead is a swan, and on it under her back-hair the clear signature EVKAEI £60

Poggi 618 lim pr d 36/

Sir H Weber 1599 62, Bement 600 lim pr d 8172

From the Sir Arthur Evans Collection; he bought the coin in Hirsch Sale XXX, Plate XIV, 404 for £77.

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39, BARTON ROAD,
CAMBRIDGE.

9 LARISSA, heavy drachm. facing head of nymph. Mare and FOAL, the latter beautifully sharp. Ridgeway Coll. £5

10 OLYMPIA Early Stater before 500 B.C. being Seltman "Olympia" no 30 [Plate I, V, αβ] Only ONE was formerly known. Eagle l. on hare, countermark in field Rj: F ▲ Nike holding a wreath and running r.
The Second specimen known. £20

11 SAMOS Tetradrachm. lion's scalp facing Rj: ΣΑ, ΗΤΗΣΙΑΝΑ, (A) forepart of bull r. with ornamental collar, an olive twig behind. £25

12 SOLI Stater ca. 400 BC. Head of Athena, sphinx on helmet. Rj: ΣΟΛ Grapes in square. Extra fine.
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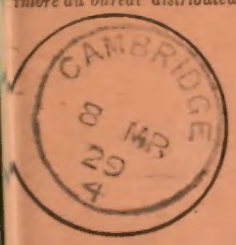

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THIRTY-NINE BARTON ROAD
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TELEPHONE 1552

9 : 3 : 29

Dear Mr Garrett,

Very many thanks for your kind letter of Feb. 24th (which has just reached me) and for the draft for £80 for the Olympian Stater. The two coins which you returned have also arrived safely.

The facing Arethusa by Kimon is no longer mine, for it was acquired some weeks ago by a compatriot of yours. But I am able to offer you something even better and more remarkable — a Catana by Choirion.

Tudeer, in his Corpus of Signed Syracusan tetradrachms, records the existence of 30 facing Kimons, whereas it is only possible to trace the records of 6 Choirions: this one is the seventh. And this piece is only surpassed in beauty by one other, the Glasgow specimen, which if it were to figure in an auction would bring in

at least three thousand pounds. I am enclosing a confidential history of this coin, which I am able to offer as a special bargain.

Tomorrow I am starting for Greece, and I expect to be away for some 8 weeks. In the event of your not wishing to keep this coin may I beg you to refrain from posting it back until the first week of May? Should you not want it yourself, do you perhaps know of any other collector in America who might like to acquire it and to whom you might, in such an event, send it? On the other hand, if you would like to keep it, there would be no immediate hurry about payment, which could indeed be made in sections if more convenient. The coin goes under separate cover.

May I beg you to drop me a line to Palace Hotel, Athens, Greece when you receive the coin?

Believe me
Yours very truly
Charles T. Tellman

THIRTY-NINE BARTON ROAD
CAMBRIDGE
TELEPHONE 1552

Confidential history of the Coin

The tetradrachm of Catana by Choirion formed part of a small find of tetradrachms unearthed over a year ago near Catania in Sicily. The whole find (most of the coins being somewhat earlier in date, rather worn and generally common) passed into the hands of a dealer in Rome.

A big London dealer saw the find and wished to pick out this tetradrachm only, offering £1500, (pounds sterling). The Roman refused, wishing to sell the whole Hoard "en bloc"; but the value he placed on the remainder of the hoard being excessive, no transaction resulted.

After waiting a year the Roman realized that he could find no purchaser for the hoard. But, in view of possible future business with the London man, he thought it impolitic to approach him afresh, lest he should encourage

excessive bargaining in future deals.

The consequence is that I got the coin last week; and am able to give you the very first offer at a figure lower than that which the London man first offered for the coin.

Catana tetradrachm by Choirion. The Second finest known. 17.25 grammes (266.2 grains).

Facing head of Apollo crowned with oak, to right his lyre peeps from behind his head, to left his bow, under the neck ΑΠΟΛΛΩΝ

Rv: ΚΑΤΑΝΑΙΩ four horse chariot r. just passing the winning-post (an ionic column) Nike flies to crown the driver. In exergue cray-fish.

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List of the Known
Tetradrachms of Catana by Choirion
in order of merit:

1. Glasgow, Hunter Collection Hill, Coins of Ancient Sicily
Pl. IX, 4
2. This Coin, now sent.
3. Berlin Mus. Regling "Die Münze als Kunstwerk"
Pl XXV, 547 Münze Kunstwerk.
4. formerly Ciccio Coll. (sold for £360 twenty-two years ago)
5. London BMC Sicily p. 47, 34.
6. A.H. Lloyd. Coll. Cambridge (poorish)
7. Jameson Coll Paris, Catal. Pl. XXVII, 548 (Very poor)

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1 Demetrius Poliorcetes Tetradrachm 300-295 B.C.

Nike, blowing trumpet l. on prow, resembling the Nike of Samothrace in the Louvre.

Rv: ΔΗΜΗΤΡΙΟΥ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ, Poseidon striding l. chlamys round l. arm, brandishing trident in r. in field ⋈, HP.

Cf. E.T. Newell, Coinages of Demetrius Poliorcetes Pl III, 1-5. This is finer than any of the pieces on that plate; and of better style than the specimen in Lucerne Sale Cat. XIII (1928) Pl. 17, 535 (£115). £55

2 Athens under Peisistratus 546-527 B.C., after his return from Exile. Tetradrachm. Small archaic head of Athena r. Hair ending in 5 tight curls, in close fitting Attic helmet with large crest.

Rv: [A]ΘΕ Owl facing, olive-twig behind.

Seltman, Athens its Hist. & Coinage p. 179, 192.

A glance at Plates VIII (last 3 rows) to X (first 2 rows) of Seltman's Athens will show how hard it is to find a coin of this issue with all the neck, face, back-hair and helmet's crest on the flan, as here. £50

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Mr. Charles T. Seltman,
Palace Hotel,
Athens, Greece.

Dear Mr. Seltman:-

I have received the Catana tetradrachm but have not yet decided whether I shall keep it or not. I shall let you know very soon but in case I do not decide to keep it, shall not return the coin to you until the first week in May as requested in your letter.

Yours very truly,

JWG/S

May 9,1929.

Mr. Charles T. Seltman,
39 Barton Road,
Cambridge, England.

Dear Mr. Seltman:-

I have considered very carefully and for quite a long time the question of the purchase of the beautiful Tetradrachm of Catana, and I have decided much to my regret that I cannot afford to pay the price for it, and I am, therefore, returning it to you by registered post today.

Yours very truly,

JWG/S

THIRTY-NINE BARTON ROAD
CAMBRIDGE
TELEPHONE 1552

21:5:29

Dear Mr Garrett,

Thank you for your letter of the 9th which arrived this morning. The registered packet with the Catana came this afternoon. I quite understand your regret at parting with it, for, could I afford to do so, I would gladly put it into my own collection.

Believe me
Yours very truly
C. J. Sellman

P.S. I look forward to coming to see you some time in the Autumn, as the Archaeological Institute of America has elected me to the Charles Eliot Norton Lectureship for the months of November and December. C.J.S.

THIRTY-NINE BARTON ROAD
CAMBRIDGE
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15:6:29

Dear Mr. Garrett,

It is I fear likely to be some time before I can find a facing Syracusan Kimon to offer you like the one which I had some little while ago and about which you wrote me. But ~~enclosed~~ I am submitting (in another cover) a very beautiful facing-head Stater of Larissa.

This coin has the head of the most charming style, far superior to the coarse head on the Staters in the forthcoming Lucerne Sale Catalogue (Pl. 9, 236), and the whole head and neck are charmingly centred on the flan.

To avoid customs complications for you I have marked no price in the separate registered envelope containing the coin, but have noted it as "over 2000 years old; value about £80"

I hope this beautiful piece may please you.

Yours sincerely Charles T. Selkman

July 3,1929.

Mr. C. T. Seltman,
39, Barton Road,
Cambridge, England.

Dear Mr. Seltman:-

Thanks very much for sending me the Larissa Stater which, however, I am returning as I already have this type. I understand that you are to be in Baltimore in November and I hope to have the pleasure of seeing you while you are here. I am going abroad this week and shall be on the Continent until September returning home in October.

Sincerely yours,

JWG/S

Villa Maria, San Giorgio a Cremano, Naples — 29. XII. 22

Coins

Dear Sir,

The important Caruso collection of Greek, Roman etc gold coins is to be sold at Naples in a few months, and as I happen to learn from my son C. T. Seltman, of Queens' College, Cambridge (who is wintering in Greece at the British School of Archaeology at Athens) that your University is strongly interested in classical Numismatics, may I ask if I can be of use at the sale? I am practically always at Naples, and being here can quickly give such special information as you may want. And as I am living at this fountain head of supply (Naples) of newly discovered Greek coins of Magna Graecia and Sicily, I think I could be of use to you and your friends in the future.

For your University Library, may I recommend my son's work "The Temple Coins of Olympia"? It deals with the famous Elian Silver staters which form one of the most brilliant series of Greek coins, and proves them to have been issued from the great temples of Zeus and Hera at Olympia. "Art and Archaeology" will shortly bring (if it has not already brought) an appreciative "critique" from the pen of Dr Edward T. Newell, the President of the American Numismatic Society. All known type varieties are shown on the 12 big plates of the book. It is published at 42/-, and can be ordered from the publishers Messrs Bowes & Bowes, Cambridge, England.

I enclose my card, and remain, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully

E. J. Seltman

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E. J. Seltman.

Villa Maria, S. Giorgio a Cremano, Napoli.

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